restored, will Government draw up a programme as in the case of the major tanks ?

Chief Secretary.—

The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

If the contribution is not fully paid up, cannot Government recover it as arrear of land revenue under the Land Revenue Code ?

Chief Secretary.—

This can be done in some cases, not all.

MR. BASETTAPPA (Channagiri Taluk), MR. NADIG BHASKAR RAO (Sorab Taluk), MR. B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk), MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), MR. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Thirthahalli Taluk), MR. A. S. MURIGAPPA (Shimoga Taluk) and MR. KATTE DAKAPPA (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether any attention is being paid to the preservation of works of ancient art?

(2) If so, how is it that so many works of ancient art are allowed to be neglected?

(3) What is the extent of funds allotted for the maintenance of such works in the following places?—

(i) Santebennur,	(v) *Narasimhaswami* temple,
(ii) Kavledurga,	Bhadravati,
(iii) Amrutapura,	(vi) Belagavi and
(iv) Halebid,	(vii) Melige.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—26. (1) Yes. The Ancient Monuments Preservation Regulation was passed in 1925. A list of ancient monuments worthy of preservation has been compiled and the monuments are periodically inspected by officers of the Revenue and Archæological Departments.

(2) This is a matter of opinion.

(3) As per G.O. No. G. 6045-105—G.M. 194-17-8, dated 14th September 1920, lump sum allotments are made for the maintenance of monuments which are not Muzrai institutions, to each district but not according to the institutions separately. In the case of Muzrai institutions, the cost of preservation is found from the funds of the institution or from State grant and the interest earnings of the General Muzrai Funds Allotment for construction and repairs, whenever found necessary. Special repairs are being carried out by the Public Works Department in consultation with the Director of Archæological Researches.

Amount spent in recent years on the institutions named are:—

(i) Santebennur (ii) Kavledurga	Rs. 75.
(iii) Amrutapura	Rs. 2,110 for repairs; Rs. 96 per annum pay of watchman.
(iv) Halebid	Rs. 100 for annual repairs, Rs. 144 pay of watchman.
(v) *Narasimhaswami* Temple, Bhadravati	Rs. 2,425 for special repairs.
(vi) Belagavi	Rs. 1,663 for repairs.
(vii) Melige	Rs. 1,006 for repairs.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

With reference to Answer (3), do Government consider that the allotment of Rs. 75 for the maintenance of the two historic temples sufficient?

Development Secretary.—

A further grant will be made if there is necessity.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

Will the Santebennur temple be repaired soon?

Development Secretary.—

Government will consider if proposals are received.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Is the amount allotted for the preservation of these ancient works sufficient to maintain them in good repairs?

Development Secretary.—

More was not asked for.

Mr. Venkatagiriappa.—

Will it not be possible for the Amildars to include a chapter in their Jamabandi Reports on the condition of such works in their taluks?

Development Secretary.—

We are getting information on this subject in the Jamabandi Reports.

Third Member of Council.—

A list is now prepared of all such temples by the Muzrai Department and steps are taken to see, that they are kept in a good condition as far as possible. Some grants are also allotted from State funds for such purposes.

Dewan.—

The public should not leave this question of temple preservation entirely to Government but they should also contribute liberally for their maintenance.

Mr. Venkatagiriappa.—

Are there any temples not included in the list?

Third Member of Council.—

Every ancient temple is not included as a matter of course merely because it is ancient; it must be historically important, or must have important specimens of art, or be architecturally interesting.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

Will Government furnish a copy of the list to us?

Development Secretary.—

Yes.